

The French Revolution and Present Conditions in Russia

Striking Similarity of the Oppression Suffered by the Masses
—Vacillating King and Vacillating Czar—"The Great Fear"

We count things from the French revolution, reckon from before and after that tremendous epoch. This is reasonable; it is superficial, however, every time a country shows a tempest in a teapot to draw parallels of the agitation therein and the great revolution that overturned France. The country we shall speak of, Russia, is not to be classed with those momentarily disturbed by little ripples of unrest; present conditions in Russia, the sinister aspect of the people, bear striking likeness to conditions in France just before the storm burst.

We find in France prior to the revolution oppressive war taxes, a profligate court—sharpest contrast of luxury and miserable poverty—a corrupt clergy, the nation's prestige weakened by defeat in war, and then as climax, a weak and vacillating monarch. Russia's humiliation at the hands of Japan has shown the ignorant Russian peasants that their Little Father is not the all-powerful being they had been led to believe; in Russia to-day we find a clergy given over to luxury and the oppressing rather than uplifting of the people; in Russia we find a country weakened by war and famine; in Russia we have a vacillating ruler afraid not to give the people a voice, afraid to give them a hearing, and absolutism, with its prop, the army, falling.

In France, you remember, when the Bourbon monarchy and the states gen-

trenchment in the royal household, wherefore made enemies of the queen and court. In 1788 Necker recommended the calling of the states-general, which made him very popular with the people. But shortly Louis



Danton, One of the Popular Leaders in the French Revolution.

dismissed him—thereby bringing such a clamor about his head he was forced to ask the popular minister to return. Over in Russia, vacillating Nicholas calls Witte to his aid, then sends him away; Prince Mirsky, who suggests many reforms, is discredited.

A careful student of affairs says that the immorality, wastefulness, extravagance and tyranny of the nobles class in France has perhaps never been paralleled save by the Russian aristocracy; and the ignorance of the French peasant perhaps no more than that of the Russian peasant to-day. Raised from serfdom only in 1861, making use only of crude methods of agriculture, heavy obligations imposed upon him, the Russian peasant lives like a beast.

The splendor of Louis' court was unrivaled, for the magnificence and idleness and gayety the poor peasants paid in taxes and tithes. The Russians of to-day boast that St. Petersburg possesses the most splendid and gayest court in Europe. In contrast to this we have Maxim Gorky's awful pictures of the beastly life of the masses, we have the knouted wretch, the massacred Jew.

Where such contrasts prevail anarchy lifts its head, the assassin's hand attempts justice. And the world stands in constant expectation of



Necker, Minister Dismissed by Louis XVI.

news such as that cried recently on Chicago streets by a conscienceless vendor of saffron newspaper: "Czar Is Killed! St. Petersburg Blown Up!"

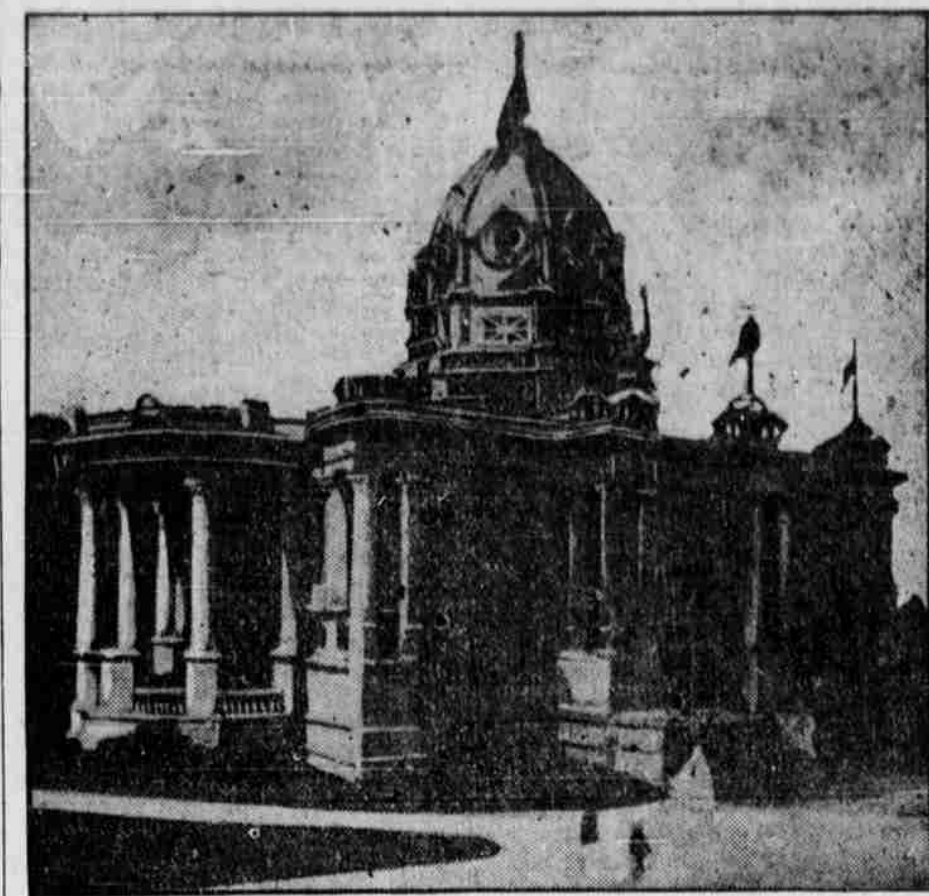
The czar has dismissed the duma. You recall what happened when King Louis, influenced by the ultra conservatives and the reactionary members of the royal family, had dismissed Necker and concentrated troops in Paris. In Paris, here and there over the country, insurrectionary movements broke out, the country was swept by "The Great Fear." A mob of hungry women marched to Versailles, the royal family saved just in time by Lafayette and the national guard. Emigres fled from the land, the royal family tried to make escape, were discovered and brought back to the capital. The idea of a monarchy became more and more unpopular, radical views became more radical, the mob of Paris began to be used as a political force. The spirit grew to frenzy, the Tuilleries were stormed, the Swiss Guards massacred. The royal family was placed under surveillance in the Temple. Then the next step in the story of the ill-fated family, the king is brought to trial; for alleged acts of treason against the nation sentence of death is passed, is carried out.

CHRISTOPHER WEBSTER.

Before His Time.

Traveler—Can you tell me, my man, where the Roman camp is about here? Rustic—Now, sir, I've heard tell as there used to be a Roman camp about here, but 'twas afore my time.—Tit Bits.

Pan-American Conference, at Rio Janeiro, Brazil



The third session of the Pan-American conference, at which Secretary Root is representing this country, met at Rio Janeiro, Brazil. The sessions are held in the Brazilian pavilion at the St. Louis exposition which was removed to Brazil after the close of the great fair. Aside from Secretary Root the members of the delegation from this country are Edmund J. James, president of the University of Illinois; Leo S. Rowe, professor of political economy in the University of Pennsylvania; Julio Larrinaga, resident commissioner of Porto Rico to the United States, and James S. Harlan, a lawyer, of Chicago, and son of Associate Justice John M. Harlan, of the United States supreme court. They were officially received on their arrival.

CHINA READY FOR WAR.

Reign of Terror Predicted for Celestial Empire—Only One Good Army in Country—Serious Flaws of Soldiers.

Peking.—China is a volcano. Close observers not in Peking, because Peking is not the place to get the real news concerning China, but foreigners long resident in the interior, in Shantung and Chihli, put the explosion nine years hence. Educated Chinese bring it nearer. For the present, however, the American in China is as secure as he would be in his home in the United States.

It is well understood in official and other circles that it is useless to kill foreigners. There is a general running after foreign things and foreign ways. Men having foreign training are in demand. The same men had to run for their lives in "Boxer" times. At the same time there is anxiety to shake off foreign control of everything—partly from a new feeling of national pride and partly from a desire to keep the good things for the Chinese.

Misgivings for the future are based on fear of an antidynastic rising, probably on the part of the radicals. This

would become partly anti-foreign and in any case would mean anarchy.

There are a great many "armies" in China, but the only one that counts is Yuan Shi Kai's "northern army." The Chinese are raising big horses somewhere in Mongolia for the ultimate use of the army, and hope to remount their cavalry in about four years. Of the other arms the men are smart and the recent spring maneuvers were most creditable.

There are serious flaws in the army. The Chinese soldiers will blaze away blank cartridges in fine style, but they are not trained to shoot. Target practice is rare. It is doubtful if the men would follow their officers except to the rear, and it is doubtful if the officers would go anywhere else.

The "American boycott" never seriously affected the interior. A few items of United States imports came into the interior in smaller quantities per tem. It was a question for the ports, particularly those in the south. The Shanghai riots were purely local and magnified by Shanghai hysteria. A serious question is the educational one, which gives rise to the "young China" movement. This is founded on conceit, the basis of Chinese student character. They are about one-quarter educated and think their education is complete.

Never Saw A Railroad

Cleveland, O.—Oelrid Troy, 18 years of age, Carroll county, Virginia, long and lean and as innocent as tall, spent the other night at the Central police station.

Until a recent morning Oelrid had never seen a railroad train. All of the 18 years of his life had been spent on a farm in the back part of Carroll county; but, after Oelrid's father died and his mother became ill, four years ago, things began to break bad at the farm and soon there was a heavy mortgage in sight.

A chance seemed to offer itself in the way of a job proffered to Oelrid by his cousin in Ohio, and it was then that Oelrid made the long journey

from his home to the nearest railroad station, and started on his still longer journey to his cousin's home in Ohio.

As near as Oelrid could remember, that cousin lived in a place called Rich Hill, somewhere in Ohio; but he lost the card bearing the address, and is not now sure where his cousin lives. The police gave Oelrid a bed at the station. Oelrid had spent his last cent on street car fare, and was wandering aimlessly about the streets, his baggage under his arm, when a kind-hearted citizen's attention was attracted to his forlorn appearance. The man brought the boy to the station, and Oelrid was glad to stay there all night.

DOG KEEPS SMILING NOW.

Scranton Beagle Has a Gold Tooth, and is Proud of It.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Dr. Fred S. Birchard, of Scranton, has a dog with a solid gold tooth. The dog is proud of it. The animal is a valuable English beagle. A few days ago, noticing that one of its front teeth was very much decayed, Dr. Birchard took the dog to a dentist friend. The dentist suggested that the best thing to do was to insert a gold tooth.

"I'll do it now," said the dentist, who is a great lover of animals. The operation took a little more than half an hour. All that time the intelligent animal laid back in his master's arms, submitting with an occasional whine of pain.

Now it sports about with its fine gold tooth, a curiosity for all the small boys of the community.

TOWN IS TAKING TO BEER.

Water Supply Blamed for Increase of Appendicitis and Paralysis.

Corning, N. Y.—"This city's water supply is responsible for much of the appendicitis prevalent here," is the declaration of Dr. F. S. Swain, secretary of the City Medical society. "Not only does it cause appendicitis but it is also responsible for nine-tenths of the paralysis cases as well as heart disease and gall stones."

This indictment of the drinking water of Corning is concurred in by

other members of the medical association. It is explained that the percentage of alkali in the water is high and when it gets into the human system causes a scaly formation in the arteries. The scale becomes brittle, breaks off and the little particles are carried in the blood to the brain, causing paralysis; to the liver, causing gall stones, and to the appendix.

A water commission will spend several hundred thousand dollars, if necessary, on a new supply. Temperance advocates are aghast at the way beer drinking has increased for "hygienic" reasons.

Uses Sea Water; Faces Fine.

Boulogne.—A woman who took two buckets of water from the sea to bathe her child, in accordance with the doctors' orders, was astonished to receive an official warning from the customs officers threatening to fine her for breach of the law. There has been discovered an unreported law of Louis XIV. forbidding the taking of sea water lest those taking it extract the salt, and thus defraud the government of the salt tax. The woman has written a declaration of the purpose for which the water was obtained in order to secure an official permit to use sea water.

Great U. S. Naval Show Planned.

Washington.—Plans have been perfected for the grand naval pageant which Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry has announced will occur in the sound off Oyster Bay September 3. The president will receive the Atlantic fleet.

THE KING'S ORDERS.

But They Were Not Executed Because the Prince Held His Nerve Until Crisis Was Passed.

A story is told of one of the Moorish princes of Granada, which is well worth noting, showing as it does, the great value of coolness and self-control in trying circumstances.

When Mohammed the Sixth usurped the throne of Granada, he set aside his elder brother Yousuf, the rightful heir to the throne, so that the kingdom might be secure to his own children. He caused Prince Yousuf to be imprisoned in the castle of Shalobanya, where he remained for the ten years of his brother's reign, Mohammed intending, when he felt his health failing, to have his brother assassinated.

The unfortunate prince, though brave and courageous to the last degree, was forced to submit to his brother's arbitrary will, knowing that rebellion would be in vain. He was a man of commanding presence, courteous to all about him, and of so winning and gracious a manner that he gained the love and fealty of his entire household, any one of whom would gladly have risked life in his cause. This was especially true of the alcaide of Shalobanya, who was his devoted friend.

Prince Yousuf passed the weary days of his captivity the best he could, his favorite recreations being the game of chess, of which he was a passionate lover; and the perusal of the exciting literature of the day.

In the early part of the fifteenth century, knight errantry was rife. The young Spanish nobles vied with each other in proving their prowess in arms, incited by the reading of such wonderful romances as "Adventures of

DAZED WITH PAIN.

The Sufferings of a Citizen of Olympia, Wash.

L. S. Gorham, of 516 East 4th St., Olympia, Wash., says: "Six years ago I got wet and took cold, and was soon flat in bed, suffering tortures with my back. Every movement caused an agonizing pain, and the persistency of it exhausted me, so that for a time I was dazed and stupid. On the advice of a friend I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, and soon noticed a change for the better. The kidney secretions had been disordered and irregular, and contained a heavy sediment, but in a week's time the urine was clear and natural again and the passages regular. Gradually the aching and soreness left my back and then the lameness. I used six boxes to make sure of a cure, and the trouble has never returned."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

When the real nature of a man's business is in doubt it is often hinted that he is a gambler.

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c cigar. Made of extra quality tobacco. Your dealer or Lewis' factory, Peoria, Ill.

Fishermen Using Motor Boats. Iceland's fishermen have taken to using motor boats in their business. Automobiles and motor boats have also made their way to Helsingfors, Finland.

Give Defiance Starch a fair trial—try it for both hot and cold starching, and if you don't think you do better work, in less time and at smaller cost, return it and your grocer will give you back your money.

English the World Language.

The new world language, Esperanto, seems to have already won more advocates than the older Volapuk. No manufactured language, however, seems to have much chance in competition with English, which long ago displaced French as the most useful and widely spoken language and which is gaining faster than ever in all parts of the world. Quite recently the German government has ordered that all railway officials and employees must learn to speak English. In Antwerp also the authorities are urging all classes to study English and are providing special facilities in the public schools; the city has become "almost an English-speaking port." In Japan all school children are now obliged to learn our language. A few years hence tourists from this country will be able to get along there as easily as on a trip at home. With Great Britain, India, Australia, Canada, the United States and large sections of Africa using English, what hope is there for any other language?

Shows Value of Liquid Fuel.

The steamship Goldmouth, belonging to the Shell line, has just arrived at Rotterdam, after steaming from Singapore by the route round the Cape of Good Hope, a distance of 11,791 miles, in 52 days, without once stopping the engines or checking the generation of steam in the main boilers. This performance is believed to be the largest nonstop run ever made by marine machinery. The vessel was burning liquid fuel, and with so great an economy that enough surplus is left to take the vessel 20 days steaming on her return passage east.

PHYSICIAN SAYS

Children Thrive on Grape Nuts and Cream.

A Mass. physician has found a cure for constipation in children—citing fifteen cases—by feeding them Grape-Nuts.

"Some time ago," he writes, "I became interested in your food, Grape-Nuts, as a cure for constipation in children. Having tried it in my own family, I have advised it in fifteen cases in which all suffered with constipation more or less severe. The result has been absolute relief in all."

"I write this that other children may be benefited."

How much better it is thus to bring about a healthy action in the bowels of growing children by natural means, than to feed them with improper food, requiring some kind of cathartic at intervals to overcome constipation.

Grape-Nuts gives energy to the entire nervous system including the nerves that cause the natural contraction and relaxation of the bowel muscles, that propel the food mass along.

It is predigested also, and the blood easily absorbs the food as it goes through the body, storing up vitality and force for the functions of all the organs.

Children especially, should get the right start as to habits of living. They should grow into bright, strong, cheerful men and women. Grape-Nuts solve the question of the start; a wholesome appetite will do the rest.

Children's teeth are benefited by chewing Grape-Nuts, also. Your dentist will tell you that a certain amount of exercise in chewing firm food, is necessary to grow strong, beautiful teeth.

Teeth need exercise just the same as muscles, if they are to grow strong and firm as nature intended. Grape-Nuts gives the exercise and also gives material from which good teeth are made.

"There's a reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.



Amazilia di Gaul, a book that turned the heads of half the Spanish youth, a type that Cervantes has immortalized in Don Quixote.

The fascination of chess, however, rivaled those of the tournament with the knights of Spain, and many an hour was beguiled over the game by Prince Yousuf and the faithful alcaide. They were seated thus, one day, both intent upon the game, Yousuf for the time completely forgetting the sword that was always hanging over his head.

He was losing slowly but surely, his adversary's knight and castle were steadily bearing down upon his king, when a page hastily entered the room and informed the alcaide that a messenger was without, desiring to see him upon an urgent matter of state.

"Tell him to wait until our game of chess is finished," said the prince.

But the page made an imploring gesture to the alcaide, which brought the latter instantly to his feet, and he hastened out to meet the messenger, who silently and gravely handed him a sealed note from the king. Hastily tearing it open, the alcaide glanced over the contents, his cheek blanching as he did so. With tottering steps he reentered the room, and the prince, shocked at his pallor, exclaimed:

"My friend, what is thy trouble? Thou lookest as though thou hast just received thy death warrant! Oh," he added, jokingly, "perchance the king, my most loving brother, demands my head! Speak! Is it so?"

For answer the alcaide handed him the letter, but his hand trembled so that the paper fluttered to the floor. Yousuf, stooping, coolly picked it up, and read at a glance the following words:

"My servant, when thou receivest this letter thou shalt immediately take the life of my brother Yousuf and send me his head by my trusty messenger."

The eyes of the brave prince never quailed, nor did his voice falter as he said quietly to the page:

"Bid the king's messenger wait until our game is ended; it will be but a few moments now, for I am losing rapidly; fate is against me on every side."

They repeated themselves at the board, but the alcaide played wildly. It was an easy matter for the prince to regain his lost advantage, and he was just giving checkmate when in the distance was heard the clatter of horses' hoofs. Nearer and nearer they came, and soon two caballeros from Granada, armed cap-a-pie, covered with dust, and in the maddest haste, came dashing into the courtyard at full speed.

"The king is dead! Long live the king! Long live our good king Yousuf!"

The lesson for children to learn from this story is of course obvious. Never give up hope in the face of misfortune. —Chicago Daily News.